

Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers's amendment is on page 1000 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this resolution...or this amendment...What page of the Journal did you say it is on, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: 1,000, Senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay. This amendment is printed in the Journal on page 1000. The purpose of this amendment is to try to clarify the mechanisms that the election process would use in the decision as to whether or not a school would be closed. We adopted the amendment on General File, if you recall, but there really isn't any language to clarify exactly how that vote takes place, who pays for it and so forth. The intent of this amendment is to set up the mechanism so that it would be by resolution of the board that the vote was...or that the question came up on the ballot, or by a percentage of the electors in the school district as it existed prior to reorganization. The rest of the amendment clarifies in split counties how the mechanism should take place, the county with the most students in the split county situation would be the one that would be in charge of giving the notice and so forth, and setting up the ballots. The cost of the election would be paid for by the county board. That is clarified since it was unclear in the amendment as adopted on General File. This is a...if we are going to proceed with this bill, and if we are going to keep the mechanism in it that we adopted on General File, then we certainly need this amendment in order to clarify those provisions. I urge the adoption of it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Lamb, then Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would just draw your attention to the Attorney General's Opinion which I just had circulated. It also refers to this election procedure, which in effect allows the people in the area, contained in the original Class I district, to vote forever and ever as to whether or not that Class I school will stay open. I would just read the last paragraph. The Attorney General says, "While we cannot say that this